

witnesses have deposed before the Commission. The Report of the Commission is likely to be submitted soon.

Scheme for Railway Traffic in Maharashtra

†2282. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considering any scheme for railway traffic and laying tracks in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof, since when this demand is pending with Government and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering to provide more rail tracks in tribal areas of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) While taking investment decisions on the Railways, an integrated view of the System is taken. State boundaries are not a criteria for deciding on Railway projects. Demands for new Railway projects are received from various quarters on a continuous basis. These demands are taken due note of while formulating proposal for Railway projects. Details of Railway projects in progress in Maharashtra including in its tribal areas are given in the enclosed statement.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Statement
On-going Railway Projects in Maharashtra

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Cost	Budget Outlay 2000-01 (in Crores of Rs.)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
New Lines				
1	Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vajnath	353.08	3.00	Final location survey has been completed for 15 km from Ahmednagar end. Land acquisition plans & papers have been submitted to the State Govt. for 15 km from Ahmednagar end. The work would be progressed once the land becomes available. Station building at Beed is under progress.
2	Amravati Narkher	175.30	6.00	70% of the land has been acquired. Earthwork and bridges for 18 section out of 27 has been taken up and work is in progress. Contracts for 9 major bridges have been awarded. Work is being progressed as per availability of resources.
3	Baramati-Lonad	75.00	0.10	Necessary clearances have been obtained. Final location survey has been taken up and expected to be completed by March 2001.

1	2	3	4	5
4	Panvel-Karjat	106.89	14.00	All land except 9.6 hect. forest land has been acquired. Land acquisition process for forest land is in progress. Earth work in 7 sections out of 9 and work on all bridges and the 2.7 km long tunnel is in good progress, out of which 1.49 km tunnel have been completed. Necessary clearance has been received. Final location survey has been taken up.
5	Puntamba-Shirdi	30.22	1.00	
Gauge Conversion				
1	Akola-Puma	228.00	10.00	New work included in the Budget 2000-01. Arrangements are being made to take up earthwork and bridges. The work has been completed. The work is being progressed in phases. In the first phase, work from Kurduwadi to Pandharpur has been completed and CRS inspection is being arranged. On Latur Road-Latur (42 km) earthwork and bridges are nearing completion. Work between Kurduwadi-Latur (143 km) will be taken up after work of Latur-Latur Road has been completed. The work is in progress under BOLT. The work is expected to be completed in about a year's time Subject to the BOLT contractor raising the necessary funds.
2	Gondia-Chandafort	234.23	1.26	
3	Miraj-Latur	314.02	15.00	
4	Mudkhed-Adilabad	117.96	2.00	

1	2	3	4	5
5	Secunderabad-Mudkhed & 287.83 Jankhampet-Bodhan	20.00		The work has been taken up in first phase from Mudkhed-Nizamabad (96 Km). Earthwork, ballast procurement and minor bridges are in good progress. This phase will be completed in 2001-02 subject to availability of resources. Work has also been taken up in remaining sections. Efforts of getting private funding for part of the work is being explored, with a view to expedite its completion.
6	Solapur-Gadag	265.77	10.00	The work is being done in phases. The work Solapur-Hotgi and Hotgi to Bijapur has been completed. Work is in progress on rest of section which will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.
Doubling				
1	Panvel-Jasai- JNPT	48.00	1.00	This is a new work of 2000-01. Detailed planning has been taken up.
2	Daund-Bigwan	40.00	5.00	The work is in good progress where earthwork and bridge has been completed and linking is in progress and expected to be completed during the current year.
3	Divia Kaylan doubling of 5-6 line	47.70	13.00	Work sanctioned in 1999-2000 Budget. Earthwork and Bridges in Diva-Dombivali and Dombivali-Kaylan are being taken up.

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4	Divi-Panvel	63.00	3.40	Work has been completed. In Phase-I, 11 km from Vasai Rd. to Kaman has been commissioned and 17 km from Kaman to Bhiwandi has been completed and ready for CRS inspection. Bhiwandi to Diva is targeted for completion by March 2001.
5	Divi-Vasai	133.99	20.00	
6	Panvel-Roha-Land acquisition	4.10	1.41	Land acquisition is expected to be completed by September, 2000.
7	Sewagram Chitoda	12.60	1.20	Earthwork and minor bridges has been completed. Ballast supply, building work and track linking is in progress. Work completed.
Metropolitan Transport Projects				
1	Autoblock signalling of Virar-Dahanu Road	27.19	6.99	Construction of Relay Huts and laying of cables & erection of signals for Saphalke-Palghar is in progress.
2	Belapur-Panvel Doubling	280.31	7.00	Double line has been commissioned and opened for commuter traffic on 14-4-2000. Balance works to be executed by CIDCO are in progress.
3	Kurla-Thane 5th & 6th line (phase I)	97.39	14.00	Work of earthwork, supply of Ballast, Track linking, Major Bridges, Foundation and erection of OHE structures and other works are in progress in stretches which are free from encroachments.

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4.	Kurla-Thane 5th and 6th line (Bhandup to Thane) ph. II	58.30	10.00	Earthwork, supply of Ballast, Bridges and 22 KV aerial feeder obstructing 5th and 6th line by underground cable between Bhandup-Mulund and Mulund-Thane section is in progress.
5.	Quadrupling between Borivali and Virar	401.66	30.00	Work for earthwork, major & minor bridges yard remodelling and quarters is in progress.
6.	Santacruz-Borivali 5th line	82.42	12.00	Work on all minor and major bridges have been completed. Work is held up at certain locations due to delay in removal of encroachment.
7.	Seawood Uran electified line	495.44	12.00	Work of important bridge on Panvel creek, construction of minor bridges subway at Seawood and work at Sanpada carshed are in progress. Due to financial crunch being faced by CIDCO, execution of the project has been divided in two phases. Under first phase single line will be laid in the section.
8.	Thane Turbhe Neruvashi part of corridor no. 2 in Navi Mumbai	403.39	7.60	Civil works for second line are nearing completion. Electrification and signaling works are in progress.

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9.	Thane-Mumbra 5th and 6th line	49.34	0.10	Work has been included in the Budget of 2000-01 subject to necessary clearance.
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11.	Virar Dahanu Road-De-velopement of facilities for introduction of EMUs and terminal facilities at Dahanu Road	25.82	0.01	Work has been included in the budget of 2000-01 subject to necessary clearances.
Railway Electrification				
1.	Udhana-Jalgaon	138.12	25.20	11 RKM has been energised till March 2000. The work is progressing as per schedule. Target is March 2003.